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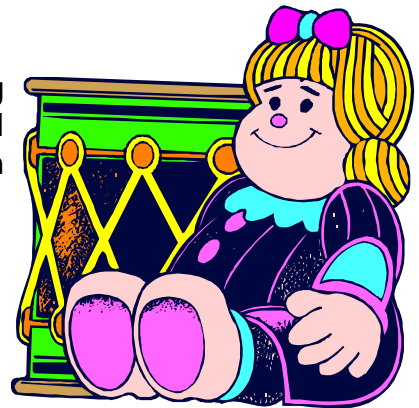
TO: Seattle Federal Executive Board Members

FROM: Harry Manaka 

SUBJECT: **OPERATION "K"**

It is October already, and once more it is time to start thinking about Operation "K." This is the 49th year that Federal agencies in the Puget Sound area will participate in Operation "K."

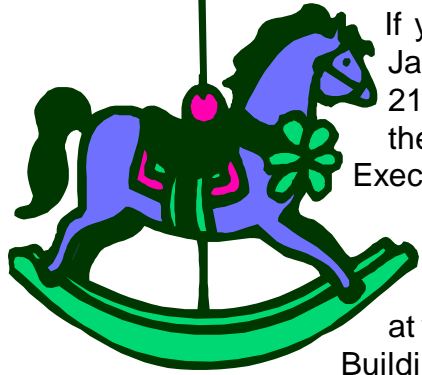
Each year The Salvation Army provides thousands of families with a holiday dinner and new toys for their children. Corporate downsizing and failing industries continue to create new pockets of poverty throughout our Northwest communities. Caught in these pockets of poverty are children.



**What can you do to Help? Bring your unwrapped gifts for children and youth for the Operation "K" pick-up on Wednesday, December 10th, from 10 to 11 a.m., in the fourth floor lobby of the Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, downtown Seattle.**

A list of gift suggestions is attached. If you include a sheet of wrapping paper and some ribbon with your gift, parents will be able to give a wrapped gift to their child. The target age for children is from infant to twelve.

All the gifts collected through Operation "K" go to benefit The Salvation Army Toy 'N Joy Stores. These stores are special shops where money is never exchanged. The shelves are stocked with new toys, games and children's clothing contributed by friends of The Salvation Army. The doors open in December to help qualified parents select a special gift for each child. Children receive a holiday gift from their parents, not from charity. This helps foster family unity and self-esteem. This year the parents of more than 22,000 disadvantaged children will come to The Salvation Army for holiday toys. Many will also



need food or vouchers for holiday dinner.

If your agency is unable to deliver the toys and gifts to the Jackson Federal Building, call the Salvation Army at (206) 217-1280 to arrange for direct pick-up. Please let them know they are part of Operation "K" and the Seattle Federal Executive Board.

Attached is a flyer to assist in soliciting gifts for Operation "K." Please fill in the date by which gifts must be collected at your agency in order to deliver them to the Jackson Federal Building on the collection day.

In previous years, the Federal community has done a terrific job to make the holidays a special time for needy children in the Seattle area. I hope we will continue our outstanding support of Operation "K" this year as well. Call the SFEB office at (206) 220-6171 if you need additional information.

Attachments

NOTE: This year you can go to our website and download flyers to post at your agency.

Please go to [www.seattle.feb.gov](http://www.seattle.feb.gov)